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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU

REF: (A) NICOSIA 1731 (B) STATE 177493

1. AFTER PRESIDENT HAD FINISHED DISCUSSING SUBJECT ON WHICH HE HAD ASKED ME TO CALL, REPORTED SEPTTEL, I RAISED OTHER MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTELS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST FOR HIS REACTION TO HIS VISITS TO U.S., UK AND FRANCE, HE SAID THAT HE HAD INDEED BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH ALL HIS VISITS AND HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY TOUCHED BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S TELEPHONE CALL. HE ALSO SPOKE PARTICULARLY WARMLY OF HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE ABLE TO CONVINCE PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT TO MEET WITH HIM SOMEWHERE, WHEREVER ECEVIT WISHED, IN COMPLETE SECRECY, IF HE PREFERRED IT THAT WAY.

3. WHEN I ASKED ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO GO TO
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THE SECURITY COUNCIL, HE CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS COMPLETELY AUTOMATIC AND STEMMED FROM LAST YEAR'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION WHICH CALLED UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE THE MATTER UP AGAIN.

3. PRESIDENT THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE HAD MET WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST THE

PREVIOUS DAY. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR ASTAVIN THAT HIS PROPOSAL FOR THE DEMILITARIZATION OF CYPRUS DID NOT MEAN THAT HE WISHED TO HAVE THE UK BASES WITHDRAWN. SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD HIM THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THIS AND, HAD INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS PREPARED TO WORK WITH THE UNITED STATES IN ACHIEVING A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

5. WHEN I ASKED ABOUT HIS FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS, HE SAID THAT HE HAD LEFT THE TIMING OF HIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION UP TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES, BUT IT WOULD NOT OCCUR UNTIL 1979. HE EXPECTED TO VISIT BONN, ROME AND BRUSSELS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER AND THEN GO ON TO NEW YORK FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS. AT THAT TIME HE HOPED VERY MUCH TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AS THEY HAD DISCUSSED OVER THE TELEPHONE. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A MUCH BETTER TIME FOR THEM TO MEET SINCE, BY THEN, HE EXPECTED THE EMBARGO ISSUE WOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. HE INTERJECTED AT THIS POINT THAT ALL HIS MOVES WERE BEING MADE AFTER THE CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WITH WHOM HE WAS IN REGULAR CONTACT.

6. IN REPLY TO MY REQUEST FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE REACTION IN CYPRUS SHOULD THE CONGRESS VOTE TO LIFT
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THE EMBARGO, HE REPLIED THAT SUCH A DECISION WOULD BE EXPLOITED. HE THOUGHT THAT A POSTPONEMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION MIGHT BE ADVISABLE. HE THEN ASSURED ME THAT I WOULD NEVER HEAR FROM HIM ANY ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENT.

7. I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO ASK WHETHER HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES FOR REOPENING THE DAVIES CASE AS HE HAD ASSURED SENATOR PELL HE WOULD DO. I SAID THAT THERE CONTINUED TO BE STRONG CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE. HE IMMEDIATELY ACKNOWLEDGED HIS COMMITMENT TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND SAID HE WOULD DO SO AFTER THE "CELEBRATIONS" ON THE THIRD OF AUGUST, THE ANNIVERSARY OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS' DEATH.

8. AS A FINAL ITEM, I EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THE INCIDENT WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF 13TH JULY AT LARNACA AIRPORT WHEN AN ETHIOPIAN, TRAVELING ON A SOVIET AEROFLOT PLANE, WHO HAD ATTEMPTED TO REQUEST ASYLUM IN CYPRUS, HAD BEEN BRUTALLY MAN-HANDLED BY SOME TEN OTHER ETHIOPIANS WHO HAD JUMPED

OFF THE PLANE AND FORCED HIM BACK ON THE AIRCRAFT.
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